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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Title:

DETACHABLE COVERING FOR AN IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE

Docket No.:

99-0205C

Box PATENT APPLICATION  
 Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
 U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

- ☒ Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate under 37 CFR § 1.10.  
☒ Request for Continuation Application Under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) with copy of prior application as filed in U.S. Serial No. 09/459,143, filed December 19, 1999, consisting of: Specification (8 pgs. including 15 claims); Abstract (1 pg.); and 3 sheets of drawings; Declaration and Power of Attorney as filed in U.S. Serial No. 09/459,143.  
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☒ **PLEASE CHARGE DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 19-0765 for the required filing fee of \$740.00.**

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## CLAIMS AS FILED

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Independent Claims:	3	- 3 =	0	x \$84 =	\$0
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Basic Fee:					\$ 740
<b>TOTAL:</b>					<b>\$ 740</b>

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## CERTIFICATE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10:

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Figure 1 consists of 12 histograms arranged in a single row. Each histogram represents the distribution of the number of non-zero elements in the vector  $x$  for a specific value of  $n$ , ranging from 10 to 120 in increments of 10. The x-axis for all histograms is labeled 'x' and ranges from 0 to 120. The y-axis is labeled 'count' and ranges from 0 to 100. As  $n$  increases, the distribution of  $x$  becomes more concentrated around zero, with the peak count increasing significantly.

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This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of prior application Serial No. 09/459,143, filed on December 10, 1999, entitled DETACHABLE COVERING FOR AN IMPLANTABLE MEDICAL DEVICE, with the following inventor(s):

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☒ A copy of the prior application as filed is enclosed including a copy of the oath or declaration filed in the parent application.

The entire disclosure of the prior application, from which a copy of the oath or declaration is supplied, is considered as being part of the disclosure of the accompanying application and is hereby incorporated by reference therein.

The filing fee is calculated on the basis of the claims existing in the prior application including any amendment referred to herein.

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☒ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence, "This is a continuation of application Serial No. 09/459,143, filed December 10, 1999."

☒ The prior application is assigned of record to Scimed Life Systems, Inc. as recorded at Reel 010471, Frame 0718.

☒ The Power of Attorney in the prior application is to:

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Todd P. Messal, at the address listed below.

The undersigned declares further that all statements made herein of his own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that willful false statements so made may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing therefrom.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: November 13, 2001

  
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